

IMPORTANT NOTICE

OIL SPILL PREVENTION AND ADMINISTRATION FEE INCREASE TAKES EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2012

The cap on the Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fee will increase to six and one-half cents (\$0.065) per barrel of crude oil or petroleum product effective January 1, 2012.

Recently enacted legislation (AB 1112, Stats. 2011, Ch. 583) amended Government Code section 8670.40, subdivision (a), to temporarily increase the cap on the Oil Spill Prevention and Administration Fee from five cents (\$0.05) to six and one-half cents (\$0.065) per barrel of crude oil or petroleum product, beginning January 1, 2012 through 2014.

The fee amount is set annually by the Administrator of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response in the Department of Fish and Game. The Administrator annually prepares a plan that projects revenue and expenses over three fiscal years and uses these projections to set the fee. This year the Administrator set the fee at six and one-half cents (\$0.065) per barrel effective January 1, 2012.

For more information

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call the Board of Equalization, Taxpayer Information Section at 800-400-7115 (TTY:711). From the main menu, select the Special Taxes and Fees option. Assistance is available weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Pacific time), except state holidays.